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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF WINCHESTER, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING
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The School Board respectfully present the following report for the year ending March 1, 1887.

NOTE.—The figures 1, 2, 3, indicate the terms in which the scholars were perfect.

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Miss Dora S. Hammond of Winchester, teacher for the year. Number of weeks' school during the year 30. Summer term 10 weeks, fall term 10 weeks, winter term 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars attending during the year 11.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Addie Boyce 1, 2, 3, Forest Field 1, Viola Doolittle 1, 2, Wells Field 3, Grace Putnam 1, 2.

EXPENSES.

Paid Dora S. Hammond, teaching 30 weeks,	\$150 00
Thomas W. Kendrick, for wood,	10 62
Eugene Boyce, care of house,	6 00

Paid Eugene Boyce, setting glass,	\$ 50
Eugene Boyce, cleaning house,	50
W. F. Sanders, for chair,	1 65
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Total,	\$169 27

This school is small, but the parents and scholars have taken a good deal of interest to make the school a success. The teacher gained the respect of the scholars as well as of the parents, and I think gave general satisfaction.

SCHOOL NO. 2.—PRIMARY.

Miss Eva V. Davis, teacher for the year. Number weeks' school during year, 30. Whole number different pupils registered during year, 66. Average number pupils belonging to school, 40. Average daily attendance, 35.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Sarah Miller 1, Wentworth Fairbanks 1, Floretta Paroe 2, Veno Nallett 2, Ambrose Kane 2, Arthur Bouchie 2, Frank Grancy 2, 3, Winifred Harder 2, 3, Carrie Dragon 3, Mary Bouchie 3.

EXPENSES.

Paid Eva V. Davis, teaching 3 terms,	\$210 00
A. H. Taft, care of house,	9 75
W. L. R. Felch, cleaning house,	75
George Roberts, “ “	75
William Raymond, for fitting wood,	8 61
H. W. Brigham, for chart and expense,	6 40
Eva V. Davis, for lock,	25
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Total,	\$236 51

This school has been under the care of a teacher, this year, who has been very successful in other grades of

schools in town, and her work in this school shows that she also is a success in the more difficult work of a primary teacher. The scholars seem to have a good degree of interest in the school, and have made good progress, notwithstanding the attendance has been very irregular, as has usually been the case in this village.

SCHOOL NO. 2.—UPPER ASHUELOT.

HIGHER DEPARTMENT.

Miss Mattie B. Clark, Marlborough, N. H., teacher for the year. Number weeks' school during the year, 30. Summer term 10 weeks, fall term 10 weeks, winter term 10 weeks. Whole number of different scholars attending, 37. Average number of pupils for the year, 23. Average daily attendance, 22.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Summer term—Mary Birkenshaw, James Fairbanks. Fall term—Willie Coughlin, George Cuthbert, Lura Smith, Susie Smith. Winter term—Susie Smith, Mary Birkenshaw, Della Cuthbert, Maggie Cuthbert, George Cuthbert, Rolfe Cuthbert.

EXPENSES.

Paid Miss Mattie B. Clark, teaching 30 weeks,	\$270 00
A. H. Taft, for care of house,	6 50
William Raymond, fitting wood,	8 61
For cleaning house,	1 50
For chart and expense,	7 20
Total,	<hr/> \$293 81

This school for the past year has been under the skillful management of Miss Mattie B. Clark of Roxbury, N. H. The Board were very fortunate in securing the services of a teacher so well qualified and eminently fitted

to discharge the duties devolving upon her. The scholars made fair progress, but not so much as they would have made had they been more regular in their attendance. I find in looking on the register that there has been 894 half-day absences during the year. We have had quite a large number of pupils who are kept from school to work in the factory, much to the detriment of the school as well as an irreparable injury to the scholars.

It was thought by some that a night school might be run with much benefit to the scholars, and thus enable them to work the required number of hours in the factory. So sanguine were the friends of this project, that the Board of Education consented to let them try it at their own expense. The school started off with very favorable indications of success; but alas, too soon those who were most hopeful for its success lost their interest, and after a few weeks it went into that sleep which knows no waking.

SCHOOL NO. 3.—PRIMARY.

Miss Jennie L. Weeks, of Winchester, teacher for the three terms. Number of weeks' school during the year, 30. Whole number of different pupils registered, 56. Average number of pupils belonging to school, 38. Average daily attendance, 36.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Maud F. Brigham 1, 2, 3, Ethie V. Buffum 1, 2, Emma P. Bent 1, Lottie M. Coburn 1, Mamie Doherty 1, Geneva A. Eaton 1, 3, Sadie E. Metcalf 1, Gertie A. Murphy 1, Cherrie W. St. Clair 1, Eva N. Stratton 1, Fred M. Barrett 1, George H. Cross 1, Clarence E. Coburn 1, 3, Alex C. Eaton 1, Mellen C. Greenleaf 1, 2, 3, Eddie C. Lewis 1, 2, Charlie H. Metcalf 1, 2, Frank W. Phillips 1, Winnie E. St. Clair 1, 3,

Bessie G. Ames 2, 3, Bessie M. Norwood 2, 3, Florence M. Snow 2, Ned C. Buffum 2, 3, Frank Brewer 2, 3, Georgie I. Metcalf 2, Le Roy G. Sprague 2, 3, Lessie L. Hutchins 3, Edith P. Hammond 3.

EXPENSES.

Paid Miss Jennie L. Weeks, teaching 30 weeks,	\$210 00
for cleaning house,	3 25
A. W. Nason, painting black board,	1 50
Jasper A. Gale, janitor,	31 50
for wood and coal,	25 28
W. F. Saunders, for repairs of seats, etc.,	1 80
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	\$273 33

This school for the greater part of the time, for the past nine years, has been under the efficient charge of Miss Jennie L. Weeks. This is a model school. It is a false notion that when one has acquired a fair education they are competent and prepared to teach a primary school. Here is where we need our best teachers. A child's mind is too important to be trifled with, and it is in these schools where more harm can be done in a few terms than can be undone in years. There is no truer saying than the one, "as the twig is bent the tree is inclined."

It is one thing to acquire knowledge, but to be able to impart it in a clear, simple and attractive manner, is quite another. Miss Weeks is one of those teachers who strives to do better and exacts more of herself than of her pupils.

SCHOOL NO. 3.—INTERMEDIATE.

Mrs. N. Maria Snow of Winchester, teacher for the three terms. Number of weeks' school during the year, 30. Whole number of pupils registered, 64. Average

number of pupils belonging to school, 43. Average daily attendance, 41.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Gertie Baker 1, Susie Cross 1, May Dickinson 1, 2, 3, Alice Dickerman, Nettie Murphy, Annie Pierce 1, 2, Lena Ressler 1, Mamie Tuttle 1, Walter Ames 1, Fred Seaver 1, 2, 3, Lawrence Cooney 1, Johnnie Cooney 1, 3, Dannie Donovan 1, Percie Eames 1, Willie Eames 1, Walter Murphy 1, Francis Murphy 1, George Norwood 1, Florence Eaton 3, Irwin Combs 3, Dannie Donovan 3, Guy Norwood 1, 2, 3, Robbie Pickering 1, Fred Buffum 1, 3, Emma Barrett 2, 3, Bernice Brewer 2, 3, Katie Cooney 2, 3, Mamie Doherty 2, Cherrie St. Clair 2, 3, Susie Winter 2, Fred Barrett 2, George Cross 2, Frank Phillips 2, 3, Roy Plastridge 2, Nattie Prime 2, DeForest Taft 2, Mabel Brown 3, Nettie Brown 3, Lottie Coburn 3, Willie Eames 3, Alex Eaton 3, Phil Peirce 3.

EXPENSES.

Paid Mrs. N. Maria Snow, teaching 3 terms,	\$240 00
Janitor,	31 50
A. W. Nason, painting blackboard,	1 50
For wood and coal,	25 29
Mrs. Misner, cleaning,	3 25
For repairs of house,	1 80
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	\$303 34

Mrs. Snow has taught this school the three terms. The scholars of this grade are just of the age when a good deal is expected of the teacher in respect to order. While the order was not perhaps up to the high standard which some might desire, yet we think from the regular and punctual attendance of the pupils, the well learned

lessons and good recitations, that there must be perfect accord between pupils and teacher. The closing examination evinced that progress had been made.

SCHOOL NO. 3.—GRAMMAR.

Miss Cora S. Morse, teacher. Number weeks' school during the year, 36. Whole number of children registered, 26.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Hattie A. Kingman 1, Nora E. Kelton 1, 2, Nellie Rixford 1, Frank Kendrick 1, Burton D. Lewis 1, 2, Ben H. Robbins 1, 2, Eugene Seaver 1, 2, Susie Cross 2, Percie Eames 2, Warren Kendrick 2, George Norwood 2, Horace Tufts 2.

EXPENSES.

Paid Miss Cora S. Morse, teaching,	\$314 00
Jasper A. Gale, services as janitor,	31 50
for wood and coal,	25 29
for cleaning house,	3 25
for repairs of house and furniture,	1 80
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	\$375 84

At the time of making the report this school was keeping, consequently the report does not show the names of those who will go on to the roll of honor for the third term, nor the average daily attendance.

There will be due Miss Morse, at the close of the term, \$40.00.

The grammar school, for the past year, has been under the instruction of Miss Cora S. Morse, and is in excellent condition. She is possessed with good natural ability and tact for teaching, combined with large experience,

being punctilious in the discharge of her own responsibilities and duties, and exacting the same of her pupils. Miss Morse ranks well as an instructress, and her labors in this school during the three terms showed the wisdom of procuring such teachers, rather than take up with cheap or ordinary ones. If there are scholars who have failed to come up to the requirements, it is they themselves who are responsible for it. It is utterly impossible for a teacher to learn the lesson for the pupil. That can only be done by a close application of the student himself. It requires a rare combination of qualities to be a good teacher. No profession on earth excels it; for it has to deal with humanity, and give force and direction to the mortal mind.

He who is so endowed as to be able to inspire others, to cheer them, and to lead them to engage with alacrity in the development of their many powers and natures, is worthy of everlasting gratitude. Will parents, and will the community comprehend their duty? And will they feel, too, that the influence which they exert bears directly to secure either success or failure in the efforts put forth to raise up a generation of men and women well furnished with all the useful attributes of true manhood?

I do not mean to be understood that the people of Winchester are unmindful of the importance of a proper culture of the young. But by a more faithful co-operation better and more practical results would be produced.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. George Sherman, Principal, Miss Cora F. Butler, Assistant. Whole number of different pupils registered, 54. Number of weeks' school for the year, 36.

EXPENSES.

Paid George Sherman on salary,	\$717 00
Cora F. Butler, for services as assistant,	266 00
Jasper A. Gale, services as janitor,	31 50
For fuel,	25 30
Richard Misner, for cleaning house,	3 25
Jasper A. Gale, for fixing seats,	75
F. H. Eames, for nails,	1 28
For repairs,	1 80
George Sherman, for lamps and fixtures,	10 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,056 88
There will be due Mr. Sherman at the end of the term,	\$133 00
There will be due Miss Butler,	58 00
<hr/> Making the expenses of the year,	<hr/> \$1,247 88

On account of the two weeks' vacation at Christmas we are unable to bring the school to a close in season to publish all the statistics.

We are happy in being able to report, on the whole, a very pleasant and prosperous year for this school, which is designed as the crown of our town system of schools. This school was born "in humble circumstances" about 15 years ago. Those citizens of the town who had the honor of assisting at the birth may well take pride in their work, while remembering the circumstances attending its early youth. For years it was fought persistently by a misguided public sentiment, and it was only by the heroic efforts of its friends that the breath of life was kept from being starved out by the efforts of its enemies to withhold the necessary sustenance. In spite of the opposition it has continued to live and grow, until it is

now recognized as a permanent and necessary institution by practically the whole of the population of the town. Occasionally we still find a man who has the hardihood to publicly proclaim his disbelief in the policy of compulsory support of the school, but no longer with any expectation that he is in sympathy with the intelligent public sentiment. The crowded audiences far over-taxing the capacity of our largest hall, which greet with warm and friendly interest the graduates when met to receive their diplomas, eloquently testifies to the warm interest the people, without regard to sect or party, take in the school and its work.

We are gratified to find that there is an increasing interest among the pupils in the schools outside of the villages, in the High school, and a disposition to avail themselves of its benefits. We hope that the proper encouragement may be given these scholars to overcome the difficulties of long distances to travel, by appropriating some part of the money so that the burdens and benefits may be as equally distributed as possible.

The graduating class the past year numbered five in the English and Classical and one in the English course, and were as follows: Katie M. Abbott, Ellen M. Davis, Susie P. Peirce, Nellie M. Seaver, Will H. Swan, Classical, and Chester M. Kelton, English. All who had the pleasure of attending the graduating exercises will cheerfully bear witness to the fine bearing and appearance of the class, and all were impressed by the thorough drill which the class had evidently received. The school has been fortunate in former years in its teachers, and your committee yield to none in their loyalty and gratitude to those who have gone before, but we feel that it is no disparagement of their memory and valuable services to say

that in their judgment more thorough and valuable training has been enjoyed by the scholars the past year than ever before.

Generally speaking, the relations between teachers and pupils have been very cordial and pleasant, and your Committee, when visiting the school, have always found, in outward appearance, an industrious and cheerful community. We will not deny that there have been, in a few instances, indications of disaffection with some of the scholars, and some who ought to have continued in school, have dropped out; this we consider the misfortune of the scholars rather than of the school. The record of all high schools show that but a small per cent. of those who enter, finish the course and graduate; it requires much labor and perseverance to master the course of study of a school of this grade, and unless a scholar has a higher motive than mere recreation, and unless he is reinforced and spurred on by home training and influence, that is unaffected by selfishness and prejudice, he is pretty likely to fall out and faint by the way. In a school like this it is pre-eminently "a survival of the fittest."

We most profoundly pity those scholars and parents, who for slight cause, or no cause at all, allow themselves, or their children, to drop out of a good school, and spend a few years of the best part of their lives in idleness and dissipation. If your children must stop going to school before completing the course, it will be a kind mercy to them to set them to work at some honest employment.

We are glad that our school commends itself to some from other towns, and that some of the best pupils are non-residents, and we should be glad to welcome more of the same kind. We would again remind the voters of the great inconvenience, and poor economy, of having to hire

and use a room at quite a distance from the school house for a recitation room. The rent which is being paid for this room would pay the interest on quite an outlay, to say nothing about the loss of time and inconvenience in reaching it. We have seen no good reason for changing our minds in regard to the recommendation we made last year; but if those do not accord with the views of the majority we shall be glad to have somebody propose something better. We are not particular as to methods, but we think that something needs doing at once.

Appended to this report, we publish for the information of those who desire to become patrons of the school, the course of study, as recently amended.

The spring term will commence the first Monday in April, unless otherwise ordered and notice given.

In conclusion we desire to recommend the school to the fostering care of the intelligent voters of the town, confident that under the competent and intelligent management of the present board of teachers, it will in the future, as it has been in the past, be worthy of your patronage and support.

COURSE OF STUDY IN WINCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL.

FALL TERM.

WINTER TERM.

SPRING TERM.

FIRST YEAR.

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Rhetoric,
Natural History,
† Latin,

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Rhetoric,
Book-keeping,
Latin,

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Rhetoric,
Algebra,
Latin.

SECOND YEAR.

Physical Geography,

Algebra,

Physiology,

Cæsar,

Physical Geography, { 6 wks. English History.
English History, { each.

Algebra,

Physiology, { 6 weeks
Botany, { each.

Cæsar,

Algebra,

Botany,

Cæsar.

JUNIORS.

Geometry,

Natural Philosophy,

English Literature,

Cicero,

Geometry,

Natural Philosophy,

English Literature,

Cicero,

Geology,

Natural Philosophy,

English Literature,

Cicero.

SENIORS.

Ancient History,

Chemistry,

English Literature,

Grammar (review),

Virgil,

Modern History,

Chemistry,

English Literature,

Arithmetic (review),

Virgil,

Astronomy,

Civil Government,

English Literature,

Geography (review),

Virgil.

*Not determined.

† The Classical Course includes Latin, the English Course does not.
Spelling and Rhetoricals are taken throughout the Course.

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Miss Mattie A. Hammond, teacher 1st and 2d terms.
 Miss Alice G. Kelley of Shrewsbury, Mass., 3d term.
 Number of weeks' school during the year, 30. Whole
 number different pupils registered during year, 18. Av-
 erage number of pupils belonging to school, 15. Aver-
 age daily attendance, 14.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Fred L. Carpenter 1, 3, John H.
 Carpenter 1, Perley E. Amidon 1, 2, Gertie M. Carpen-
 ter 1, 3, Earl E. Lewis 3, Clara E. Harvey 1, Frank E.
 Howard 2, Arthur W. Morey 2, 3, Bertie J. Plummer 2,
 Arthur W. Ware 2, 3, Ellery S. Verry 2, Minnie J.
 Carpenter 3, Clarence E. Bryant 3.

EXPENSES.

Paid Mattie A. Hammond, teaching 1st and 2d	
terms, 18 weeks,	\$99 00
Alice G. Kelley, teaching 3d term, 12	
weeks,	60 00
Care of house,	3 75
E. L. Verry, for wood and work,	17 82
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Total,	\$180 57

This school has made good progress during the year.
 The two terms under Miss Hammond were fairly pros-
 perous, although the relations between parents, scholars
 and teacher were not as cordial as could be desired, and
 Miss Hammond did not care to remain for the third term.
 Miss Kelley came to her work in the third term an entire
 stranger in town and has done remarkable good work.
 She is a good scholar, thorough and systematic in her
 teaching, and seems to have a very happy faculty of
 securing the love and respect of her pupils. We think

no school in town has made better progress than this during the last term, and we hope that the town may be fortunate enough to secure the services of the teacher for another year.

SCHOOL NO. 6.

Miss M. Grace Ball, teacher for the year. Number weeks' school during the year, 30. Whole number of different pupils registered, 17. Average number of pupils belonging to school, 14. Average daily attendance, 13.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Eddie E. Baker 1, 2, 3, Albert H. Hunt 1, 3, Frank T. Jackson 1, 2, 3, Bertie L. Willard 1, 2, L. Maud Jackson 3, Florence E. Willard 1, 2, Gertie A. Hildreth 1, 3, Anna E. Hunt 1, Florence M. Scott 3.

EXPENSES.

Paid M. Grace Ball, teaching 30 weeks,	\$165 00
George Hunt, cleaning house,	1 50
Harvey Jewell, for wood,	12 75
M. Grace Ball, sweeping,	45
Total,	<hr/> \$179 70

This school for the three terms has been under the management of Miss M. Grace Ball. Your committee had confidence that under the direction of Miss Ball this school would make a record of which they might be proud, and such has been the result. A steady advance was made in all the studies during the year. The exercises on the last day were of an excellence seldom surpassed. The recitations of the closing day were exceedingly fine. I cannot but mention that this school is to

be praised for the prompt and audible manner in which the recitations were given. One did not have to sit and strain their auditory nerve to its fullest extent in order to hear what was said. I could not but wish that the other schools in town could have heard and profited by their example in this respect.

SCHOOL NO. 8.

Miss Annie Hosford, teacher spring term, Miss Mary E. Hart, teacher fall and winter terms. Number weeks' school during year, 30. Whole number different pupils registered, 25. Average number pupils belonging to school, 16. Average daily attendance, 15.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Nellie L. Clark 1, 2, 3, Gertie E. Clark 1, 3, Emma A. Doolittle 1, Maria J. DeBell 1, 2, 3, Nora A. Field 1, Bessie I. Hill 1, Carrie E. Richardson 1, 2, 3, Albert D. Clark 1, 3, Ernest L. Hill 1, Herbert B. Whittemore 1, 2, 3, Herman A. Whittemore 1, 2, 3, Harry J. DeBell 3.

EXPENSES.

Paid Annie K. Hosford, teaching spring term,	\$50 00
Annie K. Hosford, care of house,	2 00
Mary E. Hart, teaching summer and fall terms,	100 00
S. E. Wilder, care of house,	4 25
S. E. Wilder, for wood,	12 00
S. E. Wilder, repairs on house,	1 50
Total,	<hr/> \$169 75

The spring term was taught by Miss Annie K. Hosford of Winchester. The scholars and parents seemed interested, and considering the traveling and the long

distances some of the pupils traveled it is remarkable there were no more absences and tardiness. I think this school for the number of scholars excelled all others in town as regards tardiness and regular attendance.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Mary E. Hart of Northfield, Mass. She is a good scholar, apt to instruct, and correct in her ways and methods. I highly appreciate her services, and commend her to the attention of school committees.

There seemed to be a want of confidence on the part of some of the scholars in their own ability, and an apparent diffidence which is manifested by their failing to speak and read sufficiently audibly to be distinctly understood.

Your committee would recommend that some changes be made in this school room so that they shall be provided with more blackboard room, and that a woodshed be provided with a door, lock and key.

SCHOOL NO. 9.

Mr. Elmer G. Fosgate, teacher spring term, 10 weeks, Mr. Charles J. Fosgate, summer and winter terms, 15 weeks. Number weeks' school during year, 25. Whole number different pupils registered, 13. Average number pupils belonging to school, 9. Average daily attendance, 8.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Jessie P. Rixford 1, Winnie B. Esty 1, Louie O. Clark 2, Walter E. Wyman 3.

EXPENSES.

Paid Elmer G. Fosgate, teaching spring	
term, 10 weeks,	\$55 00

Paid Charles J. Fosgate, teaching fall and winter terms, 15 weeks,	\$76 00
Charles J. Fosgate, care of house,	5 75
William R. Hunt, for wood,	12 00
Charles W. Thompson, for wood,	10 00
C. J. Fosgate, for wood,	1 00
Minnie B. Esty, care of house,	3 00
Walter Wyman, " " "	2 50
Total,	<hr/> \$165 25

The first term of this school, in-charge of Mr. Elmer G. Fosgate, was fairly successful, the teacher labored faithfully and with as good success as could be expected, considering the unfavorable circumstances. For a few years past this school has been housed in a building that was totally unfit for the residence of civilized people. The schools have been short, and the scholars have adopted themselves the unfavorable surroundings and seem to lack ambition.

The winter term commenced in the new house, which is a nice, cozy little house, but for some reason the inhabitants fail to appreciate their privileges, and some of them preferred to send their children to other schools, so that this one was left with only four scholars; the teacher labored with what courage and zeal he could muster under the circumstances, and finally, when the snows got deep, and the roads drifted, it was thought best to close the school.

SCHOOL NO. 10.

Miss Cora B. Smith, teacher for the year. Number weeks' school during the year, 28. (School not finished, two weeks more to keep.) Whole number of different

pupils registered, 16. Average number pupils belonging to school, 10. Average daily attendance, 10.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Sarah Fassett 1, 2, Eva Lawrence 1, 2, Mabel Lawrence 1, 2, 3, George Thompson 1, 2, 3, Gladys Thompson 1, 2, 3, Oliver Lawrence 1, 2, 3, Ray Thompson 1, 2, 3.

EXPENSES.

Paid Cora B. Smith, teaching 1st and 2d terms,	\$110 00
Perley C. Thompson, care of house,	5 50
Frances J. Thompson, cleaning house,	3 00
Total,	<hr/> \$118 50

This school has been in charge of Miss Smith, an experienced teacher and graduate of the High School. Owing to the delay in getting the new house done, the fall term could not commence until late and the winter term is not yet finished.

This is a very pleasant school, with bright and well behaved scholars, and parents who take an interest in the welfare of the school, and a nice convenient school house; there is every reason why the school should be in a prosperous condition.

SCHOOL NO. 13.

Miss Ida M. A. Geurnsey, teacher. Number weeks' school during the year, 15. Whole number different pupils registered, 15.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Ethel M. Adams 1, Sadie Rand 1, Freddie A. Willard 1, 2, Archie I. Willard 1, 2, Harry R. Willard 2.

EXPENSES.

Paid Ida M. A. Geurnsey, teaching spring term,	\$55 00
Ida M. A. Geurnsey, teaching summer term,	27 50
E. S. Adams, for wood,	5 50
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Total,	\$88 00

This school has, from various causes, been the nearest to an entire failure of any one in town. Miss Geurnsey, the teacher, is a graduate of the High School, and is one of the best educated of any of our teachers who have been schooled at home. She has taught various schools in town, always before with good success, and in some cases with extraordinary good results. We attribute her failure in this school to the following causes: 1st. The teacher is a person of very acute conscientiousness and disposed to establish a high standard of attainment in morals in her pupils. The home training of many of the pupils of this school has not probably been conducive to a sudden acquirement of a high regard for truth and veracity, and possibly the teacher may have erred in expecting too much of them at first.

Secondly, many of the parents were disposed to look upon the present system of management of schools with much jealousy, and to condemn without a trial all its agencies and instruments.

Thirdly, in addition to, and probably of more weight than the before mentioned elements of discord, is to be reckoned the fact that the people of this locality were in a hot contention about the location of the new school house which the town had voted to build for their use. All these things combined made the situation very unpleasant for the teacher, and about the middle of the second term became unendurable, and with the approval

of the committee she resigned her position. The complication over the location preventing the building of a new house this year, and the old house having long been unfit to occupy during the winter, it was deemed best not to try to fill the vacancy during the short period remaining for the fall term. For the winter term all those scholars who desired to attend were carried to other schools, and we think the people have no cause for complaint.

SCHOOL NO. 16.

Miss Bertha J. Barber, teacher first term, Miss Josephine M. Alexander, Northfield, Mass., second and third terms. Number weeks' school during year, 30. Whole number of different pupils registered, 24. Average number pupils belonging to school, 18. Average daily attendance, 17.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Hiram O. Ballou 1, 3, Jessie A. Doolittle 2, Carrie B. Hale 3, Amanda M. Neville 3, Roy A. Neville 3, Harry P. Smith 3.

EXPENSES.

Paid Miss Bertha J. Barber, teaching 1st term,	\$55 00
Miss Josephine M. Alexander, teaching	
2d term,	55 00
Miss Josephine M. Alexander, teaching	
3d term,	60 00
C. S. Baker, wood,	10 70
C. S. Baker, care of house,	2 00
C. S. Baker, work and care of house,	8 10
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	\$190 80

Miss Bertha J. Barber, the teacher of the first term of this school, is a young lady of superior attainments ;

having never taught before, and being a native of the district, and almost a companion of the scholars, it is not strange that she failed to attain perfection in discipline, although the scholars made good progress in their studies, and were evidently much attached to their teacher. We predict that when Miss Barber shall have attained a few more years, and shall have finished her studies, that she will make a very successful teacher, should she choose that occupation.

Miss Alexander is a graduate of the Northfield, Mass., seminary, and is a fine scholar, good disciplinarian, faithful and industrious worker, and has all the necessary qualifications for a superior teacher. No. 16 school stands in the front rank of the schools in the town. With an unusually bright and well behaved class of scholars, and with the parents taking much interest and pride in their school, it is one in which Committees and teachers are sure to take much comfort.

SCHOOL NO. 18.—PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Miss Julia T. Bliss, teacher for the year. Number weeks' school during the year, 30. Whole number of different pupils registered, 62. Average number pupils belonging to the school, 38. Average daily attendance, 34.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Julia H. Welch 1, 2, Andrew G. Lucoss, 1, 2, Minnie B. Joyce 2, 3, Hannah Kelley 2, Mary L. Lucoss 2, Joe Duplecy 2, Katie A. Joyce 3, Hannah Conroy 3.

EXPENSES.

Paid Julia T. Bliss, teaching 3 terms,	\$205 00
W. L. R. Felch, cleaning house,	5 00

Paid W. L. R. Felch, wood,	\$13 67
W. L. R. Felch, care of house,	4 00
W. L. R. Felch, for clock for school room,	3 40
Total,	<hr/> \$231 67

Miss Bliss has taught six consecutive terms in this school, and so far as we know, to the entire satisfaction of Committees and parents. She possesses those rare qualifications of mind and heart necessary for the highest success of the primary teacher. The school is one of the most interesting ones in town. The scholars are generally quick and bright, have a very pleasant and well-lighted room, well supplied with modern school furniture and apparatus, and only needs a little more interest from the parents to make it a model school.

SCHOOL NO. 18.—HIGHER DEPARTMENT.

Miss Myrtie H. Swan, teacher for the year. Number of weeks' school during the year, 30. Whole number of different pupils registered, 50. Average number belonging to the school, 33. Average daily attendance, 30.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Katie A. Welch 1, 2, 3, John H. Dickinson 1, 2, 3, Eddie Cunningham 1, Don W. Felch 1, Thomas Munyon 1, Emma Little 2, Modest Ducette 2.

EXPENSES.

Paid Myrtie H. Swan, teaching for the year,	\$235 00
W. L. R. Felch, cleaning house,	5 00
W. R. Felch, for wood,	13 67
W. R. Felch, care of house,	4 00
W. R. Felch, for clock for school room,	3 40
Total,	<hr/> \$261 07

This school for the past year has been under the instruction of Miss Myrtie H. Swan, a graduate of the Winchester High School. No teacher in town has labored more earnestly to lead the young in the right ways of learning, truth and duty. The teaching was thoroughness, and a desire for them to understand and comprehend what they were studying. The order was excellent. To manage this school judiciously and maintain good order and discipline requires peculiar talent. The school commenced encouragingly, and during the year the scholars have made good improvement in their studies. It was unfortunate that Miss Swan was taken sick within the last three weeks of her school, and her brother, Willie H. Swan finished the school for her with fine success.

We think that a stricter discipline at home, a good many more visits from the parents, and a greater desire of those employing children of school ages, that they should be punctual and regular in their attendance to school, would be of the greatest benefit to this school in promoting good behavior, and a higher, scholarly ambition among the scholars. May we not in the future look for an improvement in that direction.

SCHOOL NO. 20.

Miss M. Alice Jones, of Keene, teacher first term, Miss Susie P. Peirce, of Winchester, fall and winter term. Number weeks' school during year, 30. Whole number different pupils registered, 16. Average number of pupils belonging to the school, 12. Average daily attendance, 11.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Leroy R. Combs 1, 3, Fred C. Stearns 1, 2, Kate L. Swan 1, Eleanor L. Swan 1, 2,

James A. Atherton 2, Cora L. Atherton 2, Clara A. Combs 2.

EXPENSES.

Paid M. Alice Jones, teaching 10 weeks,	\$ 50 00
Miss Susie P. Peirce, teaching 20 weeks,	100 00
for care of house,	5 00
for wood,	8 75
Amos B. Atherton, for fixing pipe,	
mowing lot, etc.,	2 50
for cleaning house,	3 00
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	\$169 25

The spring term was taught by Miss M. Alice Jones, of Keene, N. H. This was a very pleasant term of school and the examination was highly satisfactory.

The fall and winter terms were under the instruction of Miss Susie P. Peirce, of Winchester, a graduate of the high school in the class of 1886. She labored faithfully and impartially, and deserves much praise. This district is most favorably situated with regards the educational interest. The house is comparatively new, pleasantly located, and furnished with many of the modern improvements. The parents are alive to the interest and welfare of the rising generations. There is no school outside of the centre village where the parents take the interest and visit the school as in this locality; and great is their reward for so doing.

SCHOOL NO. 21.

Miss Mary L. Patten, teacher first term; Miss Leigh J. Bemis, second term; Miss Mattie A. Hammond, third term. Number weeks' school during year, 30. Whole

number of different pupils registered, 37. Average number of pupils belonging to school, 21. Average daily attendance, 18.

ROLL OF HONOR.—George H. Perry 2, 3, Marcia S. Pickett 2, 3, Clifford H. Conant 3, Oliver D. Perry 3, Effie W. Conant, Susie K. Pickett, Osman H. Pickett 3, Harris C. Sprague, Winfield A. Thompson, Bertie F. Wood, Bertha M. Pickett, Helen S. Graves.

EXPENSES.

Paid Miss Mary Patten, teaching first term,	\$55 00
Miss Leigh J. Bemis, teaching second term,	55 00
Miss Mattie A. Hammond, teaching third term,	55 00
Mrs. Wyman, cleaning house,	3 50
S. M. Morse, cash paid for cleaning,	2 00
Dan L. Pickett, cleaning and whitewashing,	3 40
C. B. Mansfield, for wood,	4 23
Winfield Thompson, care of house and sawing wood,	7 00
Total,	<hr/> \$185 13

The first term of this school was, in the judgment of the Committee, a bad failure. We think this was not so much on account of lack of ability on the part of the teacher as a lack of interest and indisposition to labor on her part. She seems to have not expected to teach in this town but one term and to be utterly indifferent as to her success. She was an entire stranger to the members of the School Board, but came well recommended. Miss Bemis, the next teacher, was also a stranger, and she proved to be too young and inexperienced for the best success in a school so difficult to manage as this one.

She has a good knowledge of the studies taught in common schools, is industrious and ambitious to succeed as a teacher, and had the scholars seconded her efforts in the right spirit we have no doubt but that they might have had a profitable term. We should not hesitate to recommend Miss Bemis for any school where the scholars were disposed to do right without being driven.

The third term was taught by Miss Hammond of this town, a teacher of considerable experience and a good deal of executive ability. Having the scholars from another district, in addition to those that usually attend this school, made the school large and a good many classes, but it was managed with a good deal of ability and to the satisfaction of all interested.

PERMANENT REPAIRS.

Paid E. C. Stimson, putting in new black boards, No. 18,	\$13 04
H. W. Brigham, cash paid for black board material,	12 00
C. M. Cook, slating school house, No. 16,	45 90
H. W. Brigham, material for black board,	20 00
E. C. Stimson, repairs on school rooms, No. 2,	32 16
C. A. Bourn, painting school house, No. 18,	41 73
J. Donovan, " " "	41 73
Goss & Bolton, shingling school house, No. 5,	45 00
F. Weeks & Co., oil and lead for painting No. 18,	48 91
W. L. R. Felch, material for black board,	75
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	\$301 22

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Jasper A. Gale, carrying scholars,	\$98 00
John G. Dingman, “ “	28 70
H. Cummings, boarding windows, No. 4,	2 00
W. D. Spaulding, work on No. 3,	1 50
Fred C. Priest, for music at graduating exercises,	6 00
A. H. Taft, Illustrated Atlas,	11 50
David Sawyer, carrying scholars,	15 00
Chas. Davis, “ “	5 00
Taft Smith, “ “	9 50
E. L. Holton, for brooms,	1 40
for books for scholars,	5 60
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	\$184 20

NEW HOUSES.

Paid E. S. Adams, grading, etc.,	\$ 23 35
Henry Gould,	1,461 04
Frank H. Lewis, for land,	30 00
E. S. Adams, for advertising old school houses,	4 00
E. C. Stimson for putting in black boards,	5 25
J. A. Gale, for carrying chairs to No. 10,	75
Register for recording two deeds,	1 00
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	\$1,525 39

OLD BILLS.

Paid for wood,	\$ 27 77
teachers,	266 33
W. F. Sanders' bill,	21 90
J. A. Gale, for carrying and janitor,	32 00

Paid for care of house,	\$4 00
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	\$352 00

LOWER ASHUELOT.

SCHOOL HOUSE HALL.

Received for rent of hall,	\$77 50
Paid for janitor's services and lights,	42 53
Paid for wood,	12 67

ANNUAL REPORT.

In making our annual report to the town as required by law we have given a brief detailed report of each school which we hope will show the condition and progress of the different schools during the year. We are satisfied that on the whole the town system has already done a good work in promoting the efficiency of our schools. We are confident that the opposition which at first made it difficult to give the new system a fair trial, in some schools, is fast yielding as the results are better known. We are not blind to the fact that some defects have been developed in carrying into effect the provisions of the law, but we think the most of the faults can be attributed to errors in administration rather than to the system. For the benefit of our successors, and that they may avoid our errors, it may be well for us to call attention to a few points wherein we have erred.

Understanding the law as giving the School Board the power of appropriating a portion of the school money for the purpose of carrying the scholars to and from school when living more than one and one-half miles distant from the school house, and desiring to conciliate in some measure those that felt aggrieved by being consolidated with another district, we offered to furnish free transportation in some cases. On this fact becoming

known, there came demands from other sections where no changes had been made, and the subject promises to develop into a nuisance unless a remedy is found. We do not wish to be understood as condemning the principle which we believe is founded upon justice and equity, but in carrying it into practice we think we have been too generous and thereby have wronged the majority who do not come within the provisions of the law. It is manifestly an injustice that one family living a few rods more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from school should have full pay for carrying their children to school while another family living a few rods short of that distance should have nothing; the law is doubtless intended to equalize the burdens, and not to remove them altogether from a favored few and leave them in full force on the remainder. We are satisfied that in some cases we have paid too much for this purpose and that our action ought not to establish a precedent for the guidance of our successors.

The schools outside of the villages are receiving much more benefit from the change in the system than those in the villages; this is right and proper because under the district system they were at a disadvantage, but now that they are having as much schooling as the villages and in many cases as good teachers, it may fairly be asked that the residents be modest in their demands upon the common purse for carrying the children to school.

In carrying into effect the vote of the town to build three new school houses, the building committee, whose report is herewith submitted, unexpectedly met with an obstacle which delayed them considerably and in one case has prevented them from finishing the house until they have further instruction from the district. As the committee have clearly set forth the circumstances it will be

unnecessary for us to repeat. As we understood the law it became our disagreeable duty to fix upon locations for the new buildings. This duty we have performed according to the best of our judgment and ability. We had no expectation that we could please everybody that was interested because we never knew of such an instance as satisfying all that were interested in the location of a school house, and probably never shall hear of one before the arrival of the millennium. But we gave a hearing in each locality (which we believe was more than was legally required), and tried to treat all parties justly.

We are of the opinion that the County Commissioners had no jurisdiction in this matter under the law passed in 1885, and which, as we suppose, repealed the old law under which they claim to act. In accordance with this opinion which is concurred in by many of the most intelligent men of this county, we have refused to pay the bill for services of the Commissioners which was presented to us by the petitioners.

Having long felt that the law in regard to compelling the attendance of scholars at school was deliberately and intentionally violated, especially in the Ashuelot villages, we have made during the past season an earnest effort for reform in the matter. We are sorry to be obliged to report that our success has been only partial. We gave notice to the mill owners at Ashuelot who were employing a large number of children of school age that we intended to enforce the law. Some of them promised to conform to the law; others asked that time be granted them to look up other help to take the places of those which were to be sent to school. In a few cases children were discharged for a time and entered the schools; but complaints were continually coming from the teachers that

the scholars were irregular in their attendance, being enticed out by the mill agents.

Finally the mill owners asked permission to establish an evening school at their own expense for those scholars between the ages of 14 and 16, and that such scholars as attended the evening school be allowed to work in the mills during the day. To this proposition we finally gave a reluctant consent that they should try the experiment, but at the same time expressing our convictions that it would be a lame substitute for the day school. The school was put in charge of Miss Emma Pickering, and for a while seemed quite prosperous; but for some reason the teacher, the scholars and the backers of the school soon seemed to lose their interest, and after a lingering existence of a few weeks died, and probably no more will ever be heard of an evening school at Ashuelot.

Our conclusion upon the whole matter is, that for the future good of the whole community the law ought to be strictly enforced, but that it is a thankless task to enforce it in a community where employers, parents, children and an almost unanimous public sentiment is against such action. A place where the people have no interest in children farther than making what money they can from their employment, has in prospect a very unenviable future.

S. M. MORSE,
H. W. BRIGHAM,
A. H. TAFT,
HENRY GOULD,
W. L. R. FELCH,
CHAS. J. FOSGATE,
Board of Education.

Winchester, N. H., March 1, 1887.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MONEY RECEIVED.

Cash on hand,	\$ 161 61
From Prudential Committees,	20 41
From tuitions,	16 00
High school,	10 43
From Joel Fosgate, towards school house,	21 00
From W. L. R. Felch, rent of Ashuelot hall,	21 97
Appropriation for school,	4,500 00
Literary fund,	376 27
Dog tax,	114 00
Tuitions from Hinsdale,	24 00
Appropriation to build and repair,	2,100 00
From Amos A. Putnam for the sale of old school houses in No. 7 and 9,	20 00
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	\$7,379 69

PAID OUT.

School No. 1,	\$ 169 27
“ 2, Higher Department,	293 81
“ 2, Lower Department,	236 51
“ 3, Primary,	273 33
“ 3, Intermediate,	303 34
“ 3, Grammar,	375 84

School No. 3, High School,	\$1,056 88
“ 5,	180 57
“ 6,	179 70
“ 8,	169 75
“ 9,	165 25
“ 10,	118 50
“ 13,	88 00
“ 16,	190 80
“ 18, Upper Department,	261 07
“ 18, Lower Department,	231 07
“ 20,	169 25
“ 21,	185 13
Permanent repairs,	301 22
New houses,	1,525 39
Old bills,	352 00
Miscellaneous bills,	184 20
Cash on hand,	369 81
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	\$7,379 69

H. W. BRIGHAM,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed and instructed by the Town School District to build three school houses, one in the old district No. 9, one in No. 10, and one in districts Nos. 13 and 15 combined, submit the following account of their work :

As soon as the Board of Education of this town decided the location for these several buildings, your committee issued plans and specifications of them and advertised for builders' proposals, for the furnishing of materials and the erection of the same. We received several bids and gave the contract to Messrs. Goss & Bolton, for each of them, above the underpinning, their bid being the lowest offer. Before any work was done on them the district was notified by the County Commissioners of a hearing they had appointed to locate the school houses in two of these old districts, viz : in No. 9 and in the united Nos. 13 and 15. These Commissioners made their locations in different places from those designated by the Board of Education. Your committee were in doubt as to the authority of these county officers to change the locations already made by the School Board, as it seemed to them inconsistent with the School District law passed in the legislature of 1885. Therefore, being unable and unwilling to decide law questions, concluded not to build

in the combined districts of Nos. 13 and 15, although we had purchased the land and done something to the foundation for a building in this locality before receiving said Commissioners' notice. The petition addressed to the County Commissioners, asking them to change the location in the old district No. 9, did not have the signatures of ten legal voters in the town district, which made their action in this case void. The Commissioners were notified of this error on the day of their hearing, but were willing to disregard it. Therefore the contract with the builders was carried out in this locality, placing the school house on the lot selected by the Board of Education. Previous to this time we had caused a school house to be erected in district No. 10, very nearly on the site of the old house, this being the location made by the Board of Education, no opposition appearing to this spot. Each of these school houses have been nicely furnished and fitted up for occupancy at a cost of \$728 65 all complete.

Agreeable to the vote of the town requiring us to sell old school houses, we have sold three of these buildings at auction, after giving notices of the time and place of such sales. The highest bid in No. 10 being twenty-nine dollars, in No. 9 eight dollars, in the Hale district twelve dollars.

HENRY GOULD.

AMOS A. PUTNAM.

E. S. ADAMS.

Winchester, N. H., Feb. 26, 1887.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF WINCHES- TER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, March 1, 1886,	\$ 23 98
Cash for fines and catalogues,	13 53
Town appropriation,	300 00
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	\$337 51

DISBURSEMENTS.

De Wolf, Fiske & Co., for books,	\$117 97
D. Appleton & Co., for cyclopædias,	40 00
J. B. Alden, for books,	7 95
Memoirs of U. S. Grant, 2d vol.,	4 50
Books,	3 03
Jennie L. Weeks, Librarian,	50 00
J. A. Powers, rent to April 1, 1887,	40 00
E. M. Forbes, insurance,	20 00
H. W. Bliss, wood,	2 00
G. Wardwell, curtains,	2 00
Repairing books,	7 27
A. M. Howard, for shelf,	1 00
E. Alexander, for express,	2 60
Oil, postal cards, etc.,	2 66

Committees' services,	\$15 00
Cash in bank,	21 53
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	\$337 51

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE M. HOWARD,
MARY E. SCOTT,
ROSETTA P. ADAMS,

Committee.

Winchester, N. H., March 1, 1887.

FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN OF WINCHESTER, N. H.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

INVENTORY.

618 polls,	\$ 618 00
Real estate,	813,606 00
359 horses,	25,050 00
129 oxen,	9,365 00
648 cows,	18,553 00
233 neat stock,	4,326 00
475 sheep,	1,275 00
48 hogs,	625 00
41 carriages,	3,010 00
Stock in public funds,	4,400 00
Bank stock,	77,837 00
Surplus capital in banks,	25,387 00
Stock in corporations out of State,	2,000 00
Money on hand,	69,348 00
Stock in trade,	120,109 00
Mills and machinery,	85,750 00
Buildings not designated,	24,090 00
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	\$1,285,349 00

APPROPRIATIONS AND MONEY RAISED BY TAXATION.

State tax,	\$2,580 00
County tax,	2,342 81
Ordinary town charges,	500 00
Schools,	4,500 00
School houses,	2,100 00
Highways,	2,000 00
Town poor,	1,500 00
Fire department,	300 00
Library,	300 00
Decoration Day,	50 00
Evergreen Cemetery,	150 00
Road job Ashuelot, near P. Roman's,	600 00
Road job Ashuelot, Turner hill,	400 00
Engine house,	1,500 00
County poor,	500 00
Shingling Ashuelot bridge,	250 00
Dog tax,	192 00
Overlay,	235 88
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Total amount committed to Collector,	\$20,060 69
Rate, \$1.47½.	

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1886,	\$2,094 23
Rec'd of county for support of paupers, April term,	340 56
of county for support of paupers, October term,	546 82
of Winchester National Bank, borrowed,	2,000 00
of Keene National Bank, borrowed,	2,000 00
savings bank tax,	1,663 34
railroad tax,	59 06
literary fund,	325 12
town Chesterfield, Ida Harvey,	96 00
Joel Fosgate, rent Doolittle land,	12 00
A. C. Eaton estate, on account of uncollected taxes,	15 63
J. H. Manning, overpaid as road agent,	10 00
decoration committee, 1883,	4 89
engine house committee,	28 77
G. H. Snow, receipts town hall,	24 00
M. D. Spaulding, receipts town hall,	21 50
Bridget Robbins, bed, etc.,	3 00
E. H. Burpee, goods Hannah Gould,	4 00
Burton Jackson, goods Wm. Fosgate,	6 50
Silas Hardy, for Horatio G. Pickett,	25 00
Mrs. Lester Taft,	5 00
Bridget Robbins, bed,	3 00
Joel Fosgate, rent land,	6 00
Levi Saben, Collector taxes 1886,	19,999 13
Levi Saben, interest on taxes 1886,	64 57
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DISBURSEMENTS.

ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Paid Sentinel Printing Co., reports,	\$68 40
F. H. Eames, stationery,	4 29
F. H. Eames, sundries,	3 65
E. Alexander, express on reports,	60
J. A. Gale, care of public water,	2 00
C. J. Fosgate, clearing Rixford cemetery,	4 75
C. D. Seaver, repairs on public water,	3 00
L. F. Buffum, public water,	3 00
Lydia Chapin, “	1 50
J. H. Manning, “	1 50
Hosea G. Pickett, two years public water,	2 25
George W. Bullock, “	2 50
C. P. Lawrence, “	3 00
J. F. Field, “	3 00
E. F. Stimson, care “	4 00
D. F. Smith, “	2 00
J. R. Ware, “	3 00
Eliphalet Doolittle, work in Barber cemetery,	2 00
G. A. Roberts, work in cemetery near C. D. Willis’,	2 00
W. S. Leonard, births and deaths,	5 25
C. St. Clair, oil and care street lamp,	2 25
O. C. Burt, care street lamps,	20 00
B. F. Howe, oil for street lamps,	1 65
C. W. Dockrill, oil and care street lamps,	3 00
E. Evans, repairs on street lamps,	1 50
O. L. Howard, repairs on hearse,	5 00
J. E. Powers, care clock, etc.,	21 25

Paid A. H. Taft, births and deaths,	\$4 50
Mrs. F. H. Eames, writing,	5 00
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Total amount,	\$185 84

DECORATION DAY.

Paid G. W. Peirce, amount of appropriation,	\$50 00
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EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

Paid N. P. Burbank, care of	\$100 00
N. P. Burbank, extras, breaking roads, etc,	10 70
A. Kempton, care of gates, etc.,	7 75
L. Felt, painting tomb doors,	1 00
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	\$119 45

LIBRARY.

Paid M. E. Scott,	\$300 00
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HIGHWAYS.

Paid J. C. Hill, agent,	\$ 14 75
Bradley Rixford, agent,	64 55
C. W. Scott, agent,	264 25
E. Alexander, freight on tile,	6 86
J. H. Manning, agent,	106 03
Charles Jackson, agent,	162 10
Charles Foster, repairing sluice,	3 60
Warren H. Estey, agent,	63 15
Henry L. Stetson, “	78 09
Oscar H. Field, “	114 51
George C. Bancroft, “	59 80
J. B. Cass, “	73 95
A. A. Putnam, “	48 37
A. A. Putnam, plank,	21 08

Paid Herman N. Healy, agent,	\$55 36
Henry W. Rixford, “	18 05
Levi Saben, “	65 03
D. H. Thompson, “	94 25
B. O. Hale, “	63 98
J. P. Putnam, “	87 98
E. H. & A. W. Naramore, agent,	61 06
E. H. & A. W. Naramore, plank,	13 75
A. W. Couligan, blasting rocks, etc.,	7 34
Zenas Lewis, righting guide post, etc.,	50
E. W. Barker, repairing scraper, etc.,	3 30
E. G. Harder, repairing scraper, etc.,	1 70
G. W. Combs, agent,	22 95
C. L. Phelps, agent,	16 00
N. D. Safford, work on road,	14 25
L. W. Seaver, agent,	45 55
E. H. Fosgate, work on road,	7 60
E. A. Kingman, agent,	79 25
E. A. Kingman, work on sidewalk,	25 70
F. H. Field, cutting brush,	4 00
C. D. Willis, agent,	67 25
O. L. Howard, work on roads,	3 00
A. P. Tufts, agent,	44 25
Frank Amidon, plank,	53 60
John Doherty, work on road,	4 50
C. D. Merriman, sewer grates,	5 25
A. Kempton, work on road,	2 50
John Burke, work on road,	9 00
E. B. Willard, work on road,	10 50
Spencer & Co., tile,	88 40
C. B. Mansfield, work on road,	4 20
G. C. Snow, agent,	21 84
G. W. Bullock, breaking roads,	3 40

Paid W. H. Jennings, breaking roads,	\$1 00
L. C. Lyman, repairing scraper,	1 25
E. S. Adams, agent,	54 20
A. C. Lewis, work on road,	9 55
A. J. Harvey, work on guide board and bridge signs,	3 25
John Hutchins, making bridge signs,	3 42
Octave Orseneau, work,	2 75
A. Dickinson, plank,	47 75
Dickinson & Baker, plank,	154 79
H. Lyman, plank,	26 83
James Bolton, work on road,	6 20
Albert Putnam, breaking road,	1 00
W. F. Sanders, painting signs,	7 00
Taylor & Stebbins, fence wire,	4 11
D. C. Stearns, work on road,	1 95
E. A. Pickering, breaking sidewalks,	5 50
J. T. Burnap, breaking sidewalks,	2 70
Amos B. Atherton, breaking roads,	1 25
George Doolittle, breaking sidewalks,	7 50
E. W. Baker, breaking roads,	1 50
E. W. Baker, drawing plank,	9 25
A. W. Nason, stock and work, painting Ashuelot bridge,	55 59
Total,	<hr/> \$2,494 67

NEW ROAD IN DISTRICT NO. 9.

Paid W. H. Plummer, land damage,	\$37 00
H. W. Rixford, “	25 00
H. W. Rixford, building road,	67 00
Wm. Flint, surveying,	2 00
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TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid H. W. Brigham, Board of Education,	\$118 56
S. M. Morse, " "	133 50
S. M. Baker, selectman,	148 00
E. A. Kingman, " "	162 75
E. A. Kingman, Overseer of Poor,	26 45
H. Abbott, Moderator,	15 00
H. Abbott, Treasurer,	40 00
C. W. Scott, Auditor,	2 00
C. P. Lawrence, Sexton,	2 00
O. L. Howard, " "	142 25
Geo. H. Snow, Town Clerk,	60 00
Geo. H. Snow, School District Clerk,	10 00
H. Gould, Supervisor,	20 00
A. A. Putnam, " "	13 00
A. A. Putnam, Building Committee,	9 75
E. S. Adams, " "	5 00
C. J. Fosgate, Board of Education,	6 00
F. H. Eames, Overseer of Poor,	49 75
" " " Expenses,	20 95
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F. H. Eames, Selectman,	144 80
H. Gould, Board of Education,	15 00
O. A. Moulton, Police,	7 00
O. J. Brewer, " "	4 00
N. D. Safford, " "	10 00
Wm. M. Baker, " "	12 00
Chas. Dickinson, " "	4 00
L. B. Seaver, " "	10 00
W. L. Rixford, " "	8 00
Levi Sabin, Collector,	175 00
A. H. Taft, member board of education,	56 68
Total,	<hr/> \$1,430 44

SCHOOLS.

Appropriations for schooling,	\$4,500 00	
“ for building and repairs,	2,100 00	
Literary fund,	370 27	
Dog tax,	114 00	
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Total appropriations,		\$7,084 27
Paid H. W. Brigham,	\$4,802 65	
S. M. Morse,	1,307 62	
H. Gould,	740 00	
C. J. Fosgate,	200 00	
E. S. Adams,	34 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,084 27

STATE TAX.

Paid Solon A. Carter,	\$2,580 00
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COUNTY TAX.

Paid Jerome E. Wright,	\$2,342 81
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MONEY BORROWED.

Paid Winchester National Bank,	\$2,000 00	
Keene “ “	2,000 00	
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		\$4,000 00

INTEREST.

Paid Winchester National Bank,	\$59 34	
Keene “ “	15 67	
H. Abbott, coupons,	60 00	
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		\$135 01

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Joel Fosgate, support of Mrs. Calvin Doolittle,	\$75 75
Mrs. E. Conroy, support of family,	46 57
Mrs. M. E. Russell, support of Mrs. A. Fassett,	68 57
G. W. Peirce, medical services, Mrs. A. Fassett,	9 00
J. P. Bancroft, support James Roach,	175 24
W. F. Sunders, coffin, Wm. Fosgate,	15 00
B. C. Jackson, support Wm. Fosgate,	105 00
Chase & Richards, clothing, “	10 65
G. W. Peirce, medical services, “	7 10
E. L. Roberts, goods, “	3 25
C. W. Dockrill, funeral, “	5 00
A. H. Taft, medical services, “	13 75
J. B. Abbott, support Georgiana Cook,	23 83
J. B. Abbott, support George Doucette,	39 00
J. W. York, support Mrs. John Kempton,	30 00
Ann Tyrrell, care Mrs. Coughlin,	8 57
F. H. Eames, aid Mrs. Coughlin,	25 00
Taft Smith, goods for Mrs. Coughlin,	8 00
H. H. Pratt, goods for “	1 76
W. F. Sanders, bed, etc., “	4 75
W. S. Leonard, medical services Mrs. Coughlin and family,	39 75
Mrs. L. G. Ball, support W. H. Jebbs' family,	102 14
Merton E. Bent, care Jonah F. Bent,	5 00
James Neville, “	8 00
Henry P. Stebbins, support same,	78 50
John F. Field, aid, etc., Jonah F. Bent,	4 50
Levi Saben, taxes “	10 45

Paid W. F. Sanders, coffin and shroud Jonah	
F. Bent,	\$31 50
G. W. Peirce, inquisition Jonah F. Bent,	5 00
E. C. Thorn, medicine “	6 61
G. H. Howard, medical services Jonah	
F. Bent,	7 64
E. Evans, medical services Mrs. F. DeBell,	5 00
E. Snow, support Lester Taft's children,	31 87
Town Swanzey, aid Lester Taft's children,	16 00
G. I. Cutler, medical services Lester Taft's	
children,	16 75
F. H. Eames, aid Lester Taft's children,	11 65
A. F. Gardner, support Eva Hammond,	20 00
H. H. Pratt, goods Wm. Roach,	28 22
W. S. Leonard, medical services Wm. Roach,	6 00
B. F. Howe, goods Wm. Roach,	44 84
A. N. Kingsley, aid “	8 00
C. R. Walker and two others, examination	
George H. Towne,	4 50
J. P. Bancroft, support Geo. H. Towne,	37 91
G. W. Peirce, medical services Geo. H.	
Towne,	5 00
F. H. Eames, aid two tramps,	1 00
E. Evans, medical services Horatio G. Pick-	
ett and wife,	22 25
W. F. Sanders, coffin for H. G. Pickett,	30 00
F. H. Eames, goods for “	5 23
J. E. Powers, medicine Mrs. S. Stafford,	3 60
E. B. Willard, wood for Mr. S. Stafford,	7 00
T. W. Kendrick, wood “	13 12
E. Evans, medical services “	7 00
E. Evans, medical services Mrs. S. Stafford,	20 65
Mrs. E. H. Fuller, rent Mr. S. Stafford,	27 50

Paid J. F. Burnap, wood, Mr. S. Stafford,	\$5 40
Annie Sweetland, care Mrs. J. Dyton,	\$20 00
G. W. Peirce, medical services Mrs. J. Dyton,	3 00
F. H. Eames, aid	“ 60
E. Evans, medical services	“ 63 75
H. H. Pratt, goods	“ 1 00
E. L. Roberts, goods	“ 2 25
H. H. Pratt, goods Mrs. J. DeBell,	27 75
E. L. Roberts, “ “	1 25
F. H. Eames, “ “	4 10
A. H. Taft, medical services Mrs. J. DeBell,	12 00
George Bragg, aid Henry DeBell family,	3 71
C. St. Clair, boots for Whittemore boy,	2 25
E. Evans, medical services Ida Harvey,	74 00
F. H. Eames, aid	“ 3 00
E. A. Winter, aid tramps,	5 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,677 03

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Mrs. Emeline Putnam, support Bertie Willard,	\$45 99
Emily Smith, support of self,	49 93
E. H. & A. W. Naramore, wood for Emily Smith,	5 00
A. H. Taft, medical services, Emily Smith,	45 75
J. T. Burnap, wood, “ “	5 20
Anna Joyce, care of Mary Hayes,	7 50
Wright Wood, goods Mary Hayes,	30 00
H. H. Pratt, “ “	37 25
W. S. Leonard, medical service Mary Hayes,	6 60
J. E. Powers, medicine Hannah Gould,	2 65
F. H. Eames, goods “ “	1 44

Paid W. F. Sanders, coffin and robe, Hannah Gould,	\$13 00
J. G. Dingman, moving Hannah Gould,	2 00
E. L. Roberts, goods " "	9 84
E. H. Burpee, care and support Hannah Gould,	75 75
M. S. Hartwell, funeral Hannah Gould,	5 00
G. W. Peirce, medical services Hannah Gould,	1 35
A. H. Taft, " "	38 19
Town Swanzy, support " "	7 14
E. L. Holton, goods " "	1 00
F. H. Eames, goods " "	1 35
G. L. Fullam, support Frank Field,	66 77
G. W. Peirce, medical services Josephine Welch,	12 65
Wright Wood, goods Joseph Little,	29 36
E. L. Roberts, goods Annie Crabb,	75 00
Wright Wood, " "	55 00
Mrs. Chas. O. Wheeler, support Lottie Moore,	27 27
Frank Burt, support Lottie Moore,	31 96
A. H. Taft, medical services Lottie Moore,	3 80
E. L. Holton, goods " "	1 50
F. Weeks & Co., goods " "	1 43
F. H. Eames, goods " "	13 62
Mary G. Bancroft, hat Mary Baker,	75
E. L. Roberts, goods " "	10 91
C. S. Baker, support " "	67 01
W. S. Leonard, medical services Mary Baker,	6 65
J. T. Burnap, wood Lucy Pickering,	13 10
F. H. Eames, aid " "	5 00
A. H. Taft, medical services " "	4 50
Otis Whipple, work on wood " "	2 00

Paid H. W. Bliss, work on wood, Lucy Pickering,	\$1 90
Dickinson & Baker, wood “	2 25
G. W. Peirce, medical services Lucy Pickering,	1 00
Chas. Foster, moving Lucia Hammond,	2 50
J. D. Graves, support “	6 00
A. H. Taft, medical services “	39 07
Lucy Pickering, support “	24 64
H. W. Bliss, moving “	50
A. H. Taft, medical services Louis Tacy family,	7 65
H. H. Pratt, goods Louis Tacy family,	10 00
W. S. Leonard, medical services Louis Tacy,	11 00
B. F. Howe, goods Lameran,	31 10
Total,	<hr/> \$957 82

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid H. G. Eaton, at steam mill fire,	\$ 2 00
American Fire Hose Co, hose,	2 25
George Brown, for straps,	1 40
O. A. Moulton, for Company,	147 50
H. W. Bliss, moving stove,	90
E. W. Barker, for bolts, etc,	5 60
F. L. Hildreth, at steam mill fire,	22 00
O. A. Moulton, repairs on engine,	4 00
Bay State Belting Co., for hose,	102 60
L. B. Seaver, for sundries,	5 40
Taylor & Stebbins, oil, etc.,	13 88
John Hutchins, stoves, pumps, etc.,	37 92
H. C. Tenney, repairs,	6 00
J. A. Fitzgerald, care engine, Ashuelot,	10 00

Paid M. Kelley, for Company, Ashuelot,	\$120 00
W. M. Baker, for Company, Ashuelot Lower Village,	45 00
A. Dickinson, for wood for Company, Ashuelot Lower Village,	4 50
F. H. Eames, for sundries,	8 87
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	\$539 85

TOWN HALL.

Paid Amos Lawrence, for wood,	\$22 00
F. Amidon, for wood,	5 00
G. H. Snow, care of hall,	33 80
W. F. Sanders, chairs, etc.,	5 15
Taylor & Stebbins, oil, etc.,	4 87
J. H. Bliss, furnishings,	3 10
F. Weeks & Co., furnishings,	3 24
J. Hutchins, floor brush,	1 25
Mrs. Misner, cleaning hall,	7 15
M. D. Spaulding, care of hall,	35 59
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	\$121 15

ENGINE HOUSE.

Paid C. W. Scott,	\$ 3 00
H. C. Tenney,	13 50
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	\$16 50

SHINGLING ASHUELOT BRIDGE.

Paid A. Dickinson, for shingles,	\$183 78
Dickinson & Baker, shingles,	5 85
Taylor & Stebbins, nails,	5 00
L. W. Goss, work,	37 25
Amos Bolton, work,	7 75
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	\$239 63

ROAD JOB AT LOWER ASHUELOT.

Paid Chas. Jackson, work,	\$214 80
A. Dickinson, lumber,	181 37
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	\$396 17

ROAD JOB UPPER ASHUELOT.

Paid P. Gorman, work,	\$303 00
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OLD BILLS.

Paid Joel Fosgate, support Mrs. Calvin Doo-	
little,	\$14 75
T. W. Kendrick, wood to S. Stafford,	7 88
L. Felt, work around cemetery,	1 50
C. W. Dockrill, street lamp,	2 50
John Bolton, sexton,	4 00
C. P. Lawrence, sexton,	4 00
Emeline Putnam, care Bertie Willard,	6 86
Emily Smith, aid,	28 07
E. Evans, medical services Clarissa Glidden,	6 00
W. F. Sanders, hand grenades,	3 40
Wm. R. Hunt, damage to sheep by dogs,	12 00
G. C. Bancroft, damage to sheep by dogs,	4 00
Howard Clock Co., repairs on clock,	57 90
G. L. Fullum, running line,	3 75
E. G. Harder, repairing scraper,	2 15
B. P. H. Randall, material for road,	10 00
B. O. Hale, work on road,	3 75
D. H. Thompson, work on road,	2 00
Levi Saben, work on road,	10 45
R. W. Boyce, work on road,	1 65
J. O. Hill, work on road,	1 50
Mrs. Conroy,	9 43

Paid Mrs. Russell,	\$12 65
J. Roach,	33 71
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	\$243 90
Orders outstanding March 1, 1886,	\$175 03

SUNDRIES.

Paid L. Carroll, damage to sheep by dogs,	\$4 00
H. L. Stetson, " "	5 50
G. C. Bancroft, " "	4 00
Mrs. Wright, damage on highway,	75 00
F. P. Carlton, " "	3 00
R. Taylor, work on tramp house,	2 43
E. A. Kingman, "	23 12
O. L. Howard, team,	1 00
E. Alexander, freight on safe,	17 05
G. H. Snow, for mortgage book,	75
J. E. Powers, sundries,	1 25
Dan Dugan, land damage,	5 00
D. S. Swan, costs for trials,	23 31
D. S. Swan, execution on Capron case,	66 83
S. A. Woodbury, tuning piano,	2 00
L. Saben, damage on highway,	1 35
F. H. Eames, sundries,	10 06
J. T. Burnap, straps for hearse,	5 38
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	\$251 03

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Wm. Cunningham, error dog tax,	\$ 1 00
A. Long, real estate and costs,	51 31
H. N. F. Marshall, real estate,	3 68
Charles Kendrick, error real estate,	1 10
James Collier, " "	2 95

Paid Willard Hammond, error administrator,	\$13 28
E. Frazier, error real estate,	8 85
R. W. Leith, error stock in trade,	10 00
D. T. Saben, error school tax, 1885,	2 76
H. N. F. Marshall, real estate, 1885,	8 50
Taylor & Willis, error on horse, 1885,	80
Chas. Kendrick, error real estate,	2 59
Henry Hale, " "	2 95
Henry Hammond, error poll, etc.,	1 86
W. O. Hardy, poll and personal,	1 77
Ezra Howard, error dog tax,	1 00
Alex. Hill, poll and dog,	3 48
Wm. O'Brien, " "	2 48
Louis Patnoe, " "	2 48
Thomas Rumrill, real and personal,	1 17
H. C. F. Smith, error real estate,	3 16
G. H. Towne, poll and personal,	1 86
William Tuttle, error dog,	1 00
George Willard, poll and dog,	3 48
George A. De Beil, poll and dog,	2 48
Charles H. Parmenter, on poll,	37
31 polls,	45 88
Total,	<hr/> \$182 24

RECAPITULATION.

Highways,	\$2,494 67
County paupers,	957 82
Engine house,	1,650 00
Road job, Turner hill,	396 17
Town officers,	1,430 44
Shingling Ashuelot bridge,	239 63
Evergreen cemetery,	119 45

Library,	\$300 00
Decoration Day,	50 00
Town hall,	121 15
State tax,	2,580 00
County tax,	2,342 81
Fire department,	539 85
Borrowed money,	4,000 00
Interest,	75 01
Coupons on town bonds,	60 00
Abatements,	182 24
Road job near P. Rowan's,	303 00
School money,	4,500 00
School houses,	2,100 00
Dog tax,	114 00
Literary fund,	370 27
New road near H. W. Rixford's,	131 00
Miscellaneous,	251 03
Ordinary,	185 84
Old bills,	243 90
Town paupers,	1,677 03
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Total,	\$27,415 31
Orders outstanding March 1, 1886,	\$175 03

F. H. EAMES,

S. M. BAKER,

E. A. KINGMAN,

Selectmen of Winchester.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, for the year ending March 1, 1887, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

LIABILITIES.

Town bonds outstanding March 1, 1887,	\$1,000 00
Interest on “ “	10 00
Due schools, literary fund,	325 12
Due schools, dog tax,	182 50
Outstanding bills, estimated,	500 00
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	\$2,017 62

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1887,	\$1,767 78
Due from county, support paupers,	308 00
“ J. F. Bent estate,	157 20
“ B. C. Jackson,	3 00
“ Town Chesterfield,	3 00
“ Levi Saben, Collector of Taxes,	139 28
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	\$2,378 26
Balance in favor town March 1, 1886,	\$516 13
Balance in favor town March 1, 1887,	360 64

ALVIN W. NASON,
AMOS A. PUTNAM,
HENRY GOULD,

Auditors.

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Spelling Book

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